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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

JULIUS DARIUS JONES Petitioner,

-vs.-

MARTY SIRMONS, Warden, Oklahoma State Penitentiary,

Respondent.

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DEATH PENALTY

Case No.

PRO SE REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL AND BRIEF IN SUPPORT

Petitioner, Julius Darius Jones, appearing pro se, respectfully moves the Court for leave to proceed in forma pauperis and further respectfully requests the appointment of counsel to assist in the preparation, filing, and presentation of a petition for a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Sec. 2254.

- I am in the custody of the Warden of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary in McAlester, 1. Oklahoma as a result of a first degree murder conviction and sentence of death entered by the District Court of Oklahoma County, in Case No. CF-99-4373.
- On appeal, the Court of Criminal Appeals affirmed my conviction and death sentence on 2. January 27, 2006. Jones v. State, 2006 OK CR 5, 128 P.3d 521, cert. denied, October 10, 2006. My Application for Post Conviction relief was denied by the Court of Criminal Appeals of the State of Oklahoma on November 5, 2007.
- I asserted a number of violations of the United States Constitution in state court 3. proceedings, but the state courts did not remedy those violations. All of those claims are exhausted.
- 4. I am indigent.
- I desire to pursue a federal habeas corpus action. 5.

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I request that this Court, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 848 (q)(4)(B) and *McFarland v. Scott*, 512 U.S. 849, 114 S.Ct. 2568, 129 L.Ed.2d 666 (1994), appoint experienced capital habeas corpus attorneys to represent me in federal court and prepare a habeas corpus petition for me.

See also, Chapter Six of the Guide to Judiciary Policies and Procedures; 18 U.S.C § 3006A. Specifically, I request the appointment of the Death Penalty Federal Habeas Corpus Division of the Federal Public Defender's Office for the Western District of Oklahoma (the FPD), which, I am told, serves all federal districts in Oklahoma. Alternatively, I request appointment of a lawyer from the Special Death Penalty Habeas Corpus Panel maintained by the FPD.

7. I further request that this Court stay the running of any period of limitations until counsel is appointed.

I declare, under penalty of perjury, that the facts set forth above are true and correct.

Dated this $\frac{9}{2}$ day of $\frac{1}{2}$, 2007.

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